



Very Reverend Daniel B. Carson

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Dear Brother Priest,

I write today to provide you with updates and will continue to share with you information as needed.

Advocacy Requested by USCCB

The USCCB has reached out to let us know that the House Appropriations Committee has drafted its first FY22 appropriations bill and the Committee has eliminated provisions designed to prevent taxpayer funds from being used to pay for abortions in the District of Columbia (Dornan Amendment), through foreign assistance (Helms Amendment), and for federal employee health plans that cover abortions. The expectation now is that, as other appropriations bills are released in the coming weeks, the Hyde Amendment and other pro-life provisions will also be excluded.

Archbishop Naumann, as chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, is asking **grassroots advocates to sign their petition** at <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>. The goal is to get millions of Catholics to sign the petition by July 16. It is anticipated that the full House will consider appropriations bills during the last two weeks in July. The Senate has yet to announce any appropriations activity for FY22.

Please distribute to your community in the manner you determine is best. Should you have any questions, you can contact Andy Rivas at rivas@adw.org or Mark Rothe and rothem@adw.org.

Security Concerns

We are seeing an increase nationally in vandalism and theft on church property. Please advise parishioners and visitors to lock their vehicles and secure their belongings while on church property. Additionally, the archdiocese has a [security and emergency response resource](#) including a procedure flip chart, a mobile phone app and an online share site for parish security committee representatives. Should you have any questions about the resource please contact Adrienne Willich at willich@adw.org.

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Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see adw.org/coronavirus for information related to the coronavirus, adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/ for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and cathstan.org and elpreg.org for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.

As always, should you have questions or need assistance from my office and the Pastoral Center, please let us know.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am
Sincerely in Christ,
Very Reverend Daniel B. Carson
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